

Amendments To The Claims

This Listing Of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claims 1 to 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): Carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate, that is a salt compound and that has a molecular ratio of the magnesium, the carnitine and the hydroxycitrate of 1:1:1, said carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate, having been dried to constant weight, has a moisture uptake of 7 weight percent or less, based on said carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate, after 48 hours at 56 percent relative humidity.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the carnitine is L-carnitine.

Claim 14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is a solid.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the carnitine is L-carnitine.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is pasty.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the carnitine is L-carnitine.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as ~~claimed in Claim 12,~~ that is a salt compound and that has a molecular ratio of the

magnesium, the carnitine and the hydroxycitrate of 1:1:1, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate has been prepared by the method comprising:

(a) in a first stage, mixing carnitine, magnesium hydroxide and hydroxy-citric acid, without addition of water or with addition of no more than 15 percent by weight of water based on the weight of the complete mixture containing the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate; and

(b) in a second stage, reducing the water content of the complete mixture by drying to below 5 percent by weight, with the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate being obtained.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): Composition comprising carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate, that is a salt compound and that has a molecular ratio of the magnesium, the carnitine and the hydroxycitrate of 1:1:1.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 20, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is L-carnitine.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 20, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is a solid.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 22, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is L-carnitine.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 20, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is pasty.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 24, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is L-carnitine.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxide as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the solid carnitine-magnesium hydroxide is in the form of coarse granules or fine powder.

Claim 27 (New): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the carnitine is L-carnitine.

Claim 28 (New): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is a solid.

Claim 29 (New): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the carnitine is L-carnitine.

Claim 30 (New): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate is pasty.

Claim 31 (New): The carnitine-magnesium hydroxycitrate as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the carnitine is L-carnitine.